



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CHRISTOPHER WARD, :
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Plaintiff, :
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-against- :
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KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting Commissioner :
of Social Security, :
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Defendant. :
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ORDER

23-cv-02530 (GHW) (KHP)

KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge.

This case has been referred to me for a report and recommendation. The parties are directed to meet and confer by **Monday, June 5, 2023** as to whether they jointly consent to decision of this action by a United States Magistrate Judge (that is, the undersigned), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If both parties consent to decision of this action by the undersigned, they shall complete the consent form available on the Southern District website at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf> and return the form to the Clerk of the Court. If either or both parties do not consent, counsel for Plaintiff shall file a letter to ECF on or before **Monday, June 5, 2023** stating that the parties have met and conferred regarding consenting to the undersigned but do not jointly consent. The letter should not indicate any particular party's consent or non-consent.

This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to decision by a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Withholding

your consent will not result in any adverse consequences, however consenting to a Magistrate Judge's jurisdiction may result in a faster resolution of this action.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 29, 2023
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katharine H. Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KATHARINE H. PARKER
United States Magistrate Judge